

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~H-0037~~ CH-874

Address: 301 Prospect Street, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Unknown

Tax Parcel Number: 41 Tax Map Number: 109

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The asymmetrical, wood frame house located at 301 Prospect Street is two-stories in height with a side gable roof. The roof is continuous over the partial-width porch that covers the side entry. The porch is arched and is supported by tapered piers resting on rock-faced concrete block plinths. A one-story, shed roof projection is located on the eastern half of the front elevation, extending beyond the main elevation to the east.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

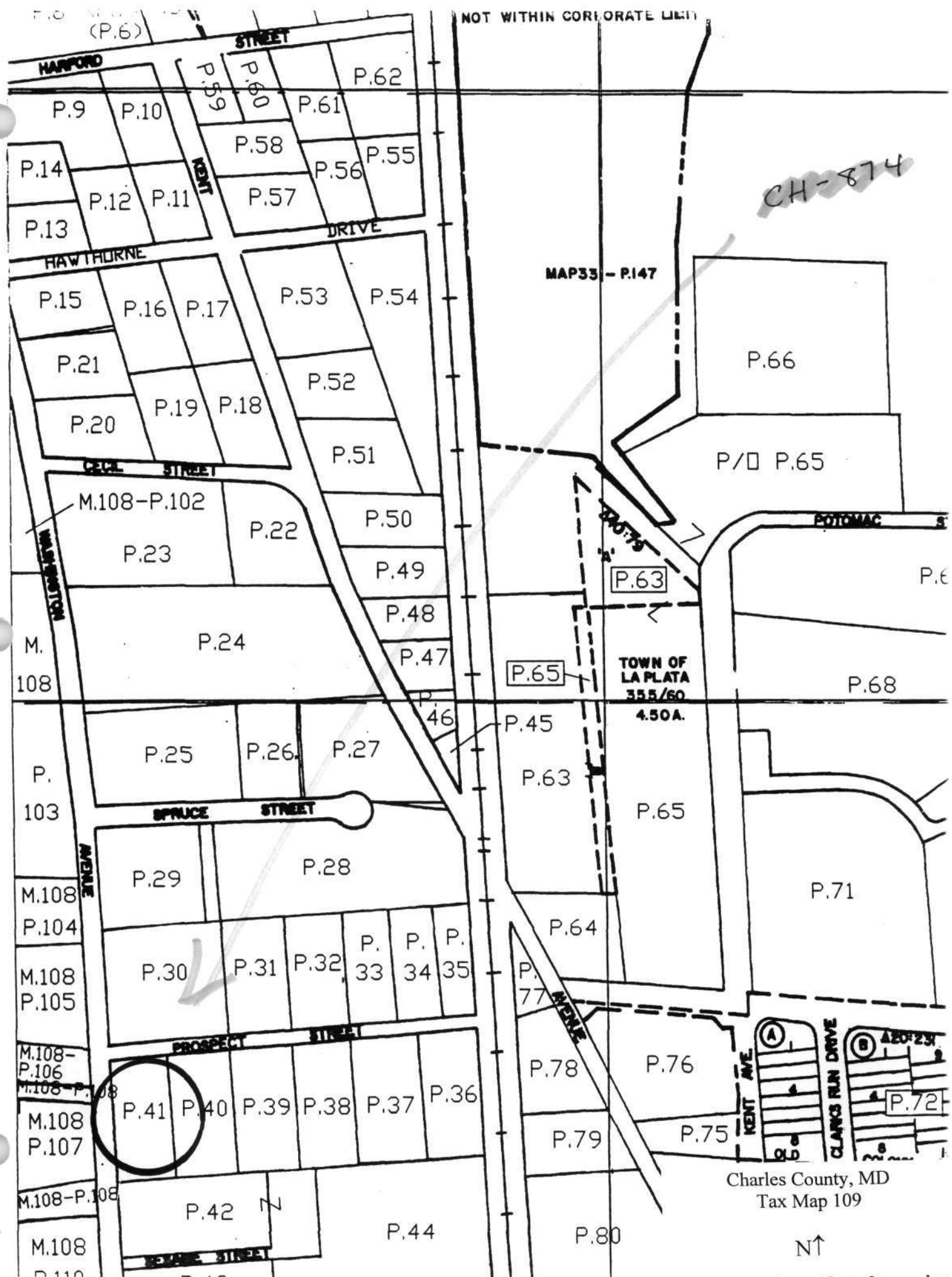
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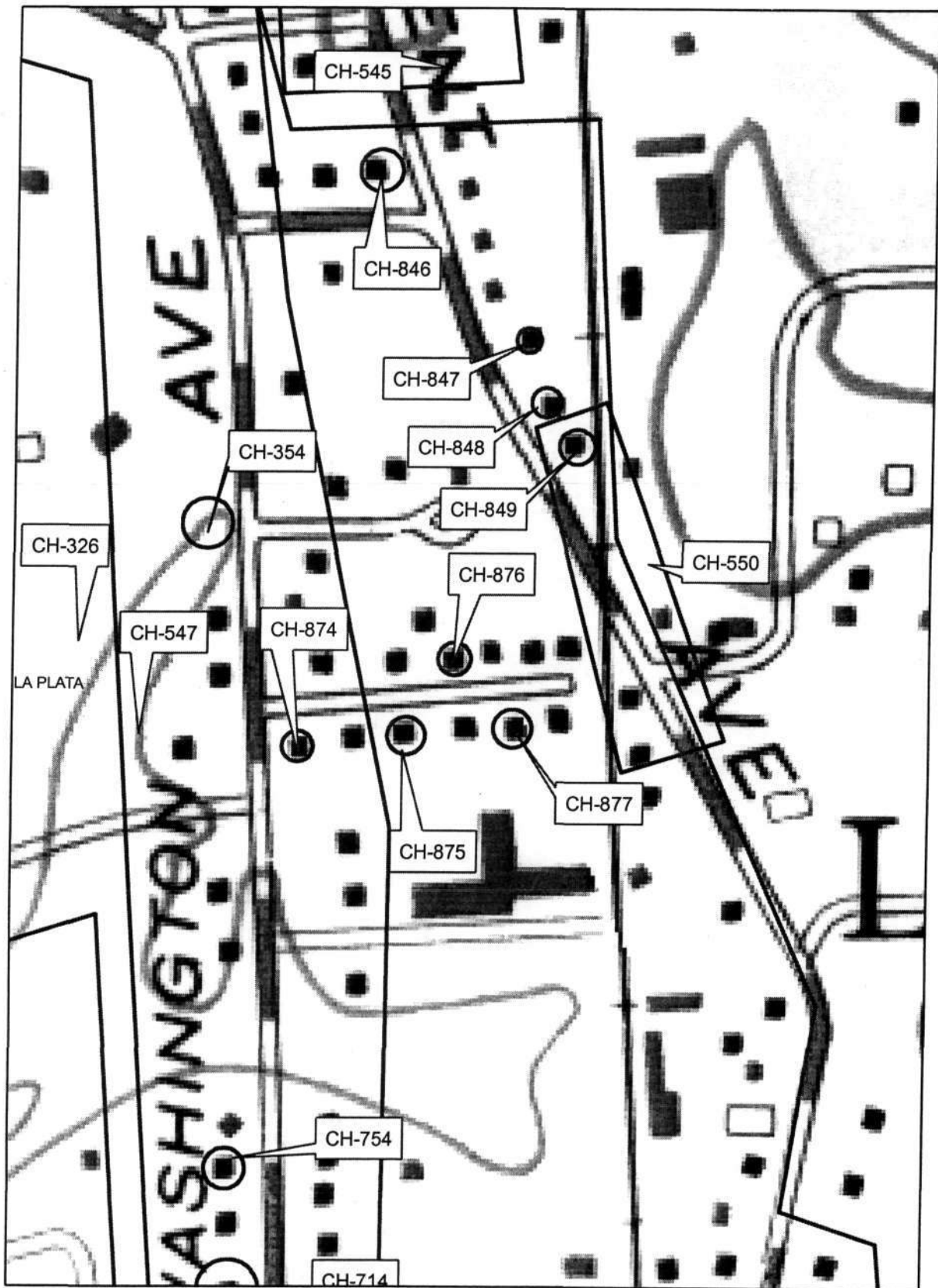
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related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1940, this vernacular house is not eligible for the National Register. The form of the building has been significantly altered. This resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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View of North elevation

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